

Compensatory Education Funding Support

The New Hampshire Department of Education is making available funds to assist districts in delivering services to students with disabilities. The funds must be used to support students with disabilities who may not have made progress during the period of remote instruction and support over the spring or summer, and have been determined by your student data and/or local assessments to be in need of Compensatory Education. These funds may be used for services provided from March 15, 2020 to September 31, 2021 as support to students with disabilities who needed additional support in accessing their education.

Districts will submit documentation for compensatory services that have been provided to students or that will be provided to students due to a student's failure to make progress toward goals due to the pandemic disruption on their education. Such submissions will be made using that attached application template. Submissions must be complete and submitted to the department by November 15, 2020. Applications submitted after that date will not be considered.

Once all information has been submitted, the Department will review district expenditures and determine an allocation of funds to each district using a pro rata formula based on the amount of qualified Compensatory Education claims and the available funding. Such determinations will be made by December 15, 2020.

These funds will be available to districts through the grants management system (GMS). All funds must be expended by September 30, 2021. This does not mean that required Compensatory Education services may not extend beyond that date, this is simply the final date for accessing funds under this program.

Districts will be asked to complete assurances and submit activities for these costs and would need to have documentation of these determinations to support their activities available upon request. Costs will be determined based on an average of fees paid for services based on data collected from GMS.

Districts will need to complete the attached spreadsheet by November 15, 2020 and return to Connie Comire at <a href="mailto:Comire@doe.nh.gov">Connie.Comire@doe.nh.gov</a>. Please complete the spreadsheet for each district as that is how we will distribute funds. Schools should be listed on different tabs within the Excel document.

Supporting our most vulnerable students through this disruption is a top priority. We want to ensure that all students with disabilities have access to the supports and services they need to continue to make progress and create bright futures.

For more information please contact Rebecca Fredette at Rebecca.A.Fredette@doe.nh.gov or 271-6693.